

**Delaware Expenditure Review Committee
Blue Ball Barn – Hay Room – Wilmington, DE
Friday, November 20, 2015**

The Delaware Expenditure Review Committee met on Friday, November 20, 2015 at Blue Ball Barn in Wilmington, Delaware. The following committee members and guests were present:

Committee Members:

Chairman Fred Sears, Delaware Community Foundation
Ann S. Visalli, Office of Management and Budget
Jack Riddle, Community Bank
Mike Morton, Controller General's Office
Jeff Taschner, Delaware State Education Association
Dennis Greenhouse, Dennis E. Greenhouse Consulting
Lincoln Willis, Willis Chevrolet
Robert McMurray, Christiana Care
The Honorable Joshua Martin, DEFAC
Ed Ratledge, University of Delaware
Fred Cottrell, Richards, Layton & Finger
Richard Gessner, Capital One

Guests:

Brian Maxwell, Office of Management and Budget
Debra Gerardi, Office of Management and Budget
Meaghan Brennan, Office of Management and Budget
Jessica Eisenbrey, Office of Management and Budget
Liz Lewis, Office of Management and Budget
John Cape, PFM
Randy Bauer, PFM
Jennifer Lydic, PFM
Mike Jackson, Controller General's Office
Art Jenkins, Controller General's Office
David Blowman, Department of Education
Kim Wheatley, Department of Education
Lauren Vella, Delaware House of Representatives
Jonathan Kirsch, AHA/ASA
Kristen Dwyer, Delaware State Education Association
Neil Kirschling, Rodel Foundation
Deb Hamilton, Cozen O'Connor
Cheryl Heik, Cozen O'Connor
Nancy Cook

Introductions/Sign In

Chairman Sears called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sears requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2015 meeting. Jeff Taschner made the motion and Dennis Greenhouse seconded the motion. Upon unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

PFM Presentation on Education

PFM provided a presentation to the committee on Education. In the presentation, information was provided on student characteristics, student enrollment, education attainment, spending and cost containment efforts.

Controller General's Office Presentation on Delaware School Finances 101

Mike Jackson provided a presentation to the committee on Delaware's school finances. Information was provided on the budget, funding and education task forces.

OMB Presentation on Department of Education

Liz Lewis, Office of Management and Budget Analyst for the Department of Education, provided an overview of the department's expenditures along with the various sections within the department and their services.

Discussion of Subject for Future Meetings

During the course of the presentation there was discussion and more information requested on the following items:

- Chairman Sears shared his thoughts on the upcoming meetings, which would be that on January 4 to cover half the meeting with an agency and the other half to begin outlining the committee's report. At the January 15 meeting, the Chairman would like to review the report.

Robert McMurray would like to see the entire January 4 meeting open to discuss the areas that will be presented in the report. The question was brought up on how specific the committee will want to get in the report. Chairman Sears mentioned that he would like to see the following two items in the report: incarceration study and vehicles.

The Honorable Josh Martin asked if the committee could get a better understanding of the direction that current studies are going, so that the committee's report could reflect what other committees are recommending.

- Robert McMurrery asked for additional information on PFM's presentation (page 10) in regard to per pupil spending compared to graduation rate.
- Jeff Taschner will provide the committee with a report on class size.
- Dennis Greenhouse asked if there was education funding for prison education after receiving a GED.
- It was asked if the committee could receive the graduation rate for SEED recipients.
- Jack Riddle asked for the percentage of SEED recipients between UD and DelTech.
- Jack Riddle asked that we resend the committee the higher education fact sheet.
- Brian Maxwell offered to share the post American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Maintenance of Effort by higher education institute.
- Other areas discussed:
 Reassessment;
 Making Medicaid a less generous plan;
 Driving down Department of Correction overtime—utilizing cameras;
 Vehicle life cycle and type—car vs. SUV; and
 37.5 vs. 40 hour work week.

Other Business

The next Delaware Expenditure Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. at DHSS Chapel – Herman Holloway Campus – New Castle, Delaware. The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.